

**Ron Talcott of the Powder River Conservation District** has been a dedicated supervisor for 49 years. He studies all the conservation district issues and makes common sense decisions based on experience and facts and rarely misses a meeting. Born into a ranching family, he is committed to youth education, every year teaching 5<sup>th</sup> grade students about conservation on his ranch and was also instrumental in starting a local youth educational scholarship program.

Ron's dedication doesn't stop with his work on the conservation district board – his is a founding member of the Powder River Historical Society sharing his expansive knowledge of the area's history, has served on the weed board for 42 years, and has been a Mason for over 50 years.

Ron, Ron's children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren continue to live in County in which Ron has served so faithfully over the years. He exemplifies the dedication and service to conservation in his area.

**Wayne Maas – Lincoln CD** began as an associate supervisor for the Missoula Conservation District in 1988. Wayne now serves as a supervisor and “go to” guy for the Lincoln Conservation District. Through Wayne's leadership, the Lincoln Conservation District has promoted water resource management and land stewardship. He is knowledgeable in many aspects of wise stream management and is always supportive and available to property owners for advice on developing projects. Wayne spent many hours preparing drafts and making revisions to the CD's 310 rules, heading a committee to ensure the most effective manner to administer the 310 law for Northwest Montana.

During two occasions, Wayne found himself preparing arguments to support the Lincoln CD's difficult violations. Due to Wayne's diligence (with a little help from Don MacIntyre), the LCD was successful in mitigating corrective measures to bring the creek back to its original state.

Wayne has contributed his time and energy on serving on the Natural Resources Youth Camp board and as an educator; he spends many hours conducting rolling rivers demonstrations. In addition he has been involved in the Montana Watershed Inc., the Kootenai River Network, the Northwest Montana RC&D, and was appointed to NACD's Forest Resource Committee.

For these reasons, we believe Wayne is worthy of mention as a supervisor exemplifying the role of conservation district supervisor.